

Somyev language

Somyev (Somyewe), also known as **Kila** ("blacksmith" in Fulfulde), is a nearly extinct Mambiloid language of two villages, one in Nigeria and one in Cameroon, that is spoken by a caste of blacksmiths that live among the Mambila. Although the language is still used for daily communication, the youngest generation of speakers were born in the 1950s. Transmission of the language ceased when the profession of blacksmithing lost its social status, partly due to imports of foreign tools.^[3]

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Somyev	
<i>Kila</i>	
Native to	Nigeria, Cameroon
Native speakers	15 (2000) ^[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo - Atlantic–Congo - Benue–Congo - Mambiloid - Mambila–Konja - Mambila–Vute - Kamkam languages Somyev
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	kg t
Glottolog	somy1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/somy1238) ^[2]

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